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RECOLLECTING CLAY.

Mr. EVARTS' "earliest recollections" are of "HENRY CLAY and protection," and he sought to conjure the Republican clubs with them.

If Mr. EVARTS' memory were full he would recall this extract from a letter of HENRY CLAY, written on the 4th of October, 1831:

I have no idea of the propriety of taxing or continuing duties for the purpose of accumulating surpluses. And as to the doctrine of distributing any such surpluses among the several States, I think there is not the slightest authority for it in the Constitution.

This is as timely as though it had been written yesterday, and is diametrically opposed to the position of EVARTS and BLAINE.

If Mr. EVARTS will refresh his memory further he will recall that in 1832 HENRY CLAY introduced and pressed to its passage a bill reducing the tariff to a maximum of 20 per cent. because the revenues were in excess of the needs of the Government.

HENRY CLAY was not the champion of needless taxation, nor a defender of monopolies.

IT WON'T WORK.

The resolutions of the Republican clubs are composed about equally of dead issues, refurbished scarecrows, revamped lies and stale partisan flapdoodle.

The constructors of this ramshackle platform must have ransacked the property-room of their campaign managers most thoroughly to have got together such a lot of rubbish.

Do these very feeble young men and very stupid old ones imagine that the people can be frightened by their battered old spoons, or fooled with their old fustian, or be drawn from the consideration of a living question by their grotesque gyrations in the graveyard of dead issues?

They will be mightily mistaken.

A CHRISTMAS MATINEE.

The World has arranged for a free Christmas matinee for the boys and girls of New York and Brooklyn at the People's Theatre on Saturday, Dec. 24th. "Aladdin and His Lamp" will be presented for the holiday delight of its youthful guests.

The teachers in the public schools are requested to address "THE WORLD, Christmas Matinee," before Wednesday next, stating the number of tickets desired by their pupils. The only condition is that the children shall be under fifteen years of age, and that those who have had little opportunity for theatre-going shall be given the preference.

It will be a merry crowd!

THE COLDEST DAY.

Mr. BLAINE, in his Paris interview with THE WORLD correspondent published this morning, reverts to the cold winters in this country. He recalls the shiver-causing record of a drop in the mercury to 32 degrees below zero.

But the coldest day ever experienced by Mr. BLAINE was without doubt the morning after the election in 1864. The political weather indications all point to a still colder wave, should he be a candidate next year.

A GOOD EXAMPLE.

W. S. MELLON, General Manager of the Wisconsin Central Railroad, has set an excellent example to the great transportation lines in the observance of Christmas.

He has ordered that Monday, Dec. 26th, be respected as a general holiday on his entire system. Freight trains will not run except in the case of perishable freight. Moreover, all employees who can be relieved of their duties are furnished with passes for themselves and families, in case they desire to do any travelling.

There is some meaning in Manager MELLON'S "Wish you all a Merry Christmas."

WHITTIER'S BIRTHDAY.

To-day is the Quaker poet's eightieth birthday. The Governor of Massachusetts, the Mayor of Boston and other dignitaries are making a pilgrimage of homage to his simple home at Amesbury.

But far more significant than the tribute of officials is the spontaneous honor and rever-

ence that the entire country pays to WHITTIER. The widespread observance of the day in the public schools of many States will be supplemented by press and pulpit and the home sentiment of the people.

WHITTIER deserves such tribute if ever a poet did. His inspiring verse has been a power in the land, and a power always for good.

All honor to the noble Bard of Amesbury.

THE ONLY FRUITFUL UNION.

Very naturally the Old Whig defender of a war tariff forever finds "encouragement" in the false report of discouragement among the Democratic supporters of tariff reform at Washington.

If the Democrats are not "united" upon the issue made by the President their union upon anything else—a desire for the offices, for example—will be both foolish and futile.

If the war taxes do not "go" the party in power will.

DUDDEON'S VACANT THRONE.

There is a great crisis in the affairs of Duddeson. E. BENNY WALL the First has gone and got married to a pretty Baltimore lass in an exceedingly unostentatious and unbusinesslike manner, and thus abdicated the throne of the King of Dudes. For, of course, married dudes don't count.

The question of succession to the throne may well rack the diaphanous anatomy of Duddeson. Who shall determine hereafter the correct number of polka dots in a necktie, the proper caper in trousers, the correct angle of the elbow in a promenade and other mighty problems?

Terrific will be the strife between the BOBBY HILLIARD and FREDDIE GERNARD factions. Well may the dudes lay in an extra supply of succulent-headed canes.

BROOKLYN BOBBES AT LOGGERSHEAD.

We know nothing about the merits of the controversy between the little bosses and the big boss in Brooklyn. Perhaps it has not any merits. But the point of importance is that the realtor-bosses threaten to tell some terrible tales out of school about the crooked methods of the Board of Supervisors.

That corruption has extensively prevailed in Brooklyn of late years is well known. But so close has been the combination of bosses and jobbers that the specific facts have been hard to prove. If light is to be turned on the dark corners, let the row proceed, by all means.

When the bosses fall out the people have a show.

THE CAUSE OF LOWER PRICES.

The high-tariff-forever men point to the lower prices of various commodities, compared with the rates twenty years ago, as a vindication of "protection."

No doubt the tariff has contributed to this cheapening by stimulating competition for a share in its bounties. But the cheapness has been most promoted by the wonderful development of invention and discovery within the past two decades. Machinery and cheapened transportation have tended to lessen prices.

But cheap as commodities may now be, those that pay a duty would be still cheaper if relieved of the portion of the tariff that is no longer needed for either protection or revenue. Were it otherwise, protection would not protect. The purpose of a protective duty is to permit home manufacturers to raise their prices.

The New York Post-Office handled last month 31,214,770 pieces of mail matter. At this rate 374,577,240 pieces of mail matter would pass through this one office in a year. This is what cheap postage has accomplished. Less than 60,000 telegraph messages are transmitted annually in the entire country under the present high telegraph rates. But what would it be with cheap telegraphy?

In one column of the Tribune it is recorded that "steel rails are too cheap for profit," and in another that a rail mill has been closed "because of the President's message." It is the old story. Over-stimulation by tariff bounties has caused over-production, and this has caused low prices and shut-downs.

Mr. GAVIN, formerly a member of the Prince Edward Island Cabinet, has expressed his opinion of Canada's maritime provinces by emigrating to Minnesota. This suggests one very good way for the poverty-stricken Canadians to settle the fishery question. Our doors are open to the North.

It is certainly desirable that cheerfulness should prevail at a wedding ceremony, but to regard the whole affair as a huge joke, as did the sexagenarian contracting parties in Newark the other night, is carrying nuptial hilarity a little too far.

It is too early for the campaign lie to do any harm. The Republican clubs should have started off with the whooper that President CLEVELAND proposes "the complete overthrow" of the protective system. Every-body who can read knows better.

The second round at the meeting of the Republican clubs and all the subsequent ones were won by the BLAINE men. The battery and the connections of the magnetic man are evidently in good working order.

The Republican Clubs point with eagerness to "a great many ways of getting rid of the surplus," as one of them put it, but have no method to suggest for stopping it.

How much longer are the "second-story" robberies to be continued?

THE CARP A CITIES OF BERLIN.

The Carp of Russia have been owners of real estate in Berlin for now nearly fifty years. It was in 1838 that Emperor Nicholas bought the estate No. 1 Unter den Linden, thereby becoming a Berlin citizen. As an offering on that occasion he sent \$500,000 to the Municipal Council, which sum was made the basis of the fund for erecting the Nikolaus City Asylum in the great Frankfurter Church in which ninety-five aged citizens are given free shelter.

CONCERNING WOMEN.

Two young ladies, named respectively Thorough and Springer, in a town in West Virginia, each carried a keg of powder out of a burning building recently, although the kegs were so hot that wet cloths had to be wrapped around them in order to hold them without burning the hands. This was a heroic act. They then went back to rescue a chappie who would not come out of the building in a pair of tan-colored garters for fear it might excite remark. While the girls were reaching under the bed for him, one of them got her hand on a mouse and fainted. All were rescued by a hook-and-ladder company. Some thought the fire was the work of an incendiary, while others stated that it was started on purpose. Woman is a strange contradiction of heroism, cowardice and clothes.

A stranger in New York recently tried to hire a good servant girl, but did not succeed very well, for she was a haughty woman and rarely asked her hands into dish-water. She came of a proud and arrogant race which for years had retained in the grasp the magnificent Dutch of Council Bluffs. For centuries her family had vaulted its long, dark-blue lineage and put out its washing.

"And who are your references?" she asked an applicant in an upturn intelligence office day before yesterday.

"I have good references," said the girl, "which I will produce when you show me that you are a suitable person to work for. We will exchange references at any time you may name."

What is there here is not so much a better class of servant, but a class of employers who will try to be more worthy of their employees, and who will try to live up to and be an honor to their servants.

Now that the new year is coming so near to us and the expensive and dark-red Yuletide also, let us resolve, one and all, that during the next year we will try to lead such lives that our servants need not be ashamed of us.

"Where have you been for so long?" asked a Washington lady of her neighbor at a full-dress party last week. "Why is it that we do not see so much of you as we did last season?"

"Well, it is partly, I reckon, because I am taking better care of my lungs than I did last year," said BILL NIX.

TO-DAY'S TALK IN SOCIETY.

Mrs. Frederick Gallatin, of 670 Fifth avenue, will give a dance on Tuesday evening, Dec. 27.

Mrs. John W. Minton, of 22 Washington square, north, will give a large dance on Monday evening in honor of her daughter, Miss Minton.

The Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Cooke, of 236 West Fifty-second street, will give an evening reception on Dec. 21, to introduce their daughter.

A large wedding will be that of the Rev. Mr. Nickerson, of Paterson, N. J., and Miss Nellie Hoffman, which will take place at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of Jan. 10, at Trinity Chapel, with full choral service. The reception after the ceremony will be at the home of the bride's parents, Dean and Mrs. Hoffman, in West Twenty-third street.

Mrs. Henry S. Warner, of 250 Lexington avenue, will give a tea this afternoon to introduce her daughter, Miss Warner. She will receive on Thursdays in January.

Mr. William Sprague, ex-Senator of Rhode Island, is passing a month in this city prior to his departure for Europe.

Mr. Isaac Lawrence will shortly give a dinner to twelve persons in his honor at the Manhattan Club.

Mrs. William Amory, of 109 East Thirty-ninth street, will give a dinner party on Tuesday evening and a children's party on Thursday.

Mrs. Joseph Strouse, of 11 East Forty-ninth street, will give a wedding reception on Tuesday night in honor of her daughter's marriage.

Mrs. R. H. Van Anten, of 411 Fifth avenue, gave a theatre party last evening, followed by a supper, with pretty floral favors, at her own home.

Mrs. John B. Hawes, of Montclair, will give a dance on Jan. 4.

Mrs. E. D. Adams, of 453 Madison avenue, will give a reception on Jan. 13.

Mrs. H. P. Towne, of Stamford, will give a wedding reception for her daughter on Jan. 9.

Mrs. E. D. Jackson, of 45 West Fifty-ninth street, will give a dance on Jan. 25.

Mrs. J. Beales, of 32 West Thirty-second street, will give a collation on Dec. 27.

Mrs. Hoyt, of 934 Fifth avenue, will give a reception on Dec. 28.

Mrs. Oliver S. Harrison gave another large pink dinner last evening at her home, at West Fifty-seventh street. There were twenty-two guests seated.

Mrs. Johnson Thorn, of 8 West Thirty-third street, gave a dinner last evening, with table decorations of maiden-hair fern and American beauties.

Mrs. J. D. Wing, of 16 West Forty-ninth street, will give a reception this afternoon in honor of Miss Hurlbut, the fiancée of her son, Mr. Stuart Wing. She will be assisted in receiving by Mrs. J. Morgan Wing, her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Hurlbut, Mrs. Frederick Taylor, Miss Catlin and Miss Vail.

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GOV. HILL IN TOWN.

Gov. David B. Hill, accompanied by two members of his staff, Col. John F. Gwynne and Col. R. J. Judson, arrived in the city last evening, and went immediately to the Hoffman home. Gov. Hill will probably remain in town for a day or two.

LATEST ARRIVALS IN TOWN.

G. C. Gorham, of Washington, is at the Victoria. Daniel and Mrs. Leonard Stanford, of California, are registered at the Windsor.

Congressman J. J. Belden, of Syracuse, is a recent arrival at the Fifth Avenue.

Samuel P. Cat, Attorney-General of Rhode Island, is a guest of the Hoffman.

Col. George L. Andrews, Twenty-first Infantry, U. S. A., arrived to-day at the Grand.

At the surf-bath are Lieut. Sam C. Tenly, U. S. A., and Prof. H. J. Brownell, of Princeton College.

Capt. Wyndham, of the British Army, and Mrs. Wyndham, left the Brevoort this morning for Albany.

Four prominent residents of Montreal are now at the Hoffman—W. W. Wauwright, J. Vanneck, C. C. Uggert and J. R. Wilson.

Among the guests at the Everett are W. E. G. Varney, of Washington; R. D. Dodd, of St. Louis, and R. B. Buford, of Tennessee.

At the Bartholdi are John B. Castleman, Colonel of the 10th Cavalry, and Mrs. Castleman, of the Nashville and Tennessee Railroad.

Daniel Dougherty, the silver-tongued orator of Philadelphia, is at the Brunswick with his son, George A. Dougherty, who has just returned from Rome.

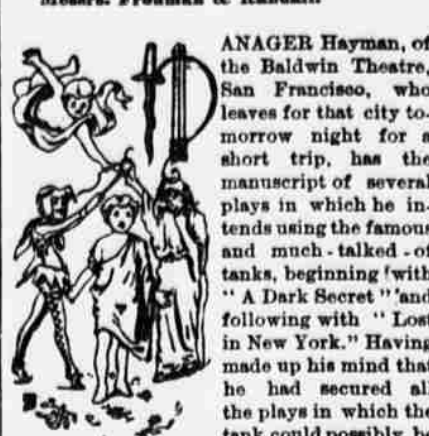
At the Hoffman are Edward Murphy, Jr., Chairman of the Democratic Central Committee, and J. D. Jordan, of the State Comptroller's Office, at Albany.

Among those recently booked at the Windsor are R. H. Kibbe, of New York, and Mrs. Kibbe, of New York; J. J. Fole, of Nevada; Col. A. B. Andrews, of North Carolina; Col. S. J. Tilden, of New London, and Chester E. Belden, ex-Secretary of the United States Legation at Berlin.

ON BOTH SIDES THE SCENES.

MANAGER HAYMAN DISCOVERS ANOTHER PLAY WITH A TANK IN IT.

The theory that He Controlled All Such Dramas Delusion—Miss Florence Ellis to Return to the Stage After a Period of Married Life—Losses and Profits of Menstr. Frohman and Randall.



ANAGER Hayman, of the Baldwin Theatre, San Francisco, who leaves for that city to-morrow night for a short trip, has the manuscript of several plays in which he intends using the famous and much-talked-of tanks, beginning with "A Dark Secret," and following with "Lost in New York." Having made up his mind that he had secured all the plays in which the tank could possibly be introduced, he imagined that he had done all he could to satisfy everybody interested in water plays. The other day Mr. Hayman made a contract to produce a play known for the past twenty years as "Escaped from Sing Sing." Yesterday, having a few moments to spare, he took up the manuscript of the play to read. He got through about twenty pages, when, to his astonishment and disgust, he found the play was the work of the stage manager's directions. "Use tank here," Mr. Hayman arose and, with dignity, declared that he had positively decided to look at no more plays until the tank season was over.

Miss Florence Ellis, the daughter of an old-time English actor, appeared a number of years ago in Sydney Rosenfeld's burlesque of "Black-Eyed Susan." It was on this play that Ned Goodwin first came out after his long absence from the stage. Miss Ellis was pretty, and Mr. Brookway, cashier of the Gilsey House and proprietor of the Breslin House, at Lake Hopatcong, fell in love with and married her. She settled down quietly into domestic life, became the mother of several children, and now is determined to go on the stage again. Said an old manager yesterday: "My advice to young ladies about to wed is: Don't marry an actress."

Charles Frohman and W. W. Randall are extremely wroth at the statement that they are about to dissolve their theatrical agency, and go their several and respective ways. "The statement is absolutely false," said Mr. Randall yesterday. "We certainly lost \$10,000 in 1886 on the production of 'A Wall Street Bandit,' 'The Golden Giant' and 'Dion Boucicault's tour, but the booking business paid us \$10,000, and this year we have a chance of making \$30,000. Most of the prominent out-of-town managers make their headquarters here. We have W. W. Rapley, of Washington; R. M. Hooley, of Chicago; Nixon and Zimmerman, of Philadelphia; Col. Judson, of Brooklyn; E. Ford, of Baltimore, and Charles Spalding of St. Louis."

Proofs of the "average photograph" of the Lyceum Theatre actresses and actors came in yesterday. There were seven women's faces photographed into one. The prevailing likeness was that of Miss Louise Dillon, although there was a dash of Miss Croaman, and Mrs. White's. The women afterwards pulled the actors' faces concentrated, proved that Nelson Wheatcroft and Henry Miller had the strongest, as their features were strongly identified. This composite photograph, it is said, will be very useful for scientific purposes, in order to give an average idea of a race of men from half a dozen or a dozen.

"What an interesting thing it would be," said one, "to see the average of the average photograph of the old ladies in the ballet of the Italian opera. One could then get an exact idea of their age of usefulness."

WORLDINGS.

Mrs. Hannah Todd, colored, died in Philadelphia recently at the age of 104 years. She was once a slave, but secured her freedom in 1854.

A small but brilliant meteor fell in the village of Lubec, in Galicia, recently, striking with force on the tiled roof of a house. The stone was of a greenish hue, and had a sour taste.

A large eagle descended into Howard Baldwin's poultry yard at Haverhill, Conn., and was soaring away with a Brahma rooster in its talons, when it was shot from Howard's gun brought him down.

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While an excavation was being made in a Vicksburg, Miss., street the body of a soldier dressed in a Federal uniform was discovered. The uniform was that of an officer, but there was nothing to give a clue to the soldier's identity. The remains were remarkably well preserved.

A captain of a merchant vessel while lying at anchor off one of the small islands of the West Indies discovered a lump of ambergris as large as his two fists in the possession of a negro. He gave the owner a fannel shirt and an old pair of pants for the precious stuff, and sold it in the United States for \$500.

There is a haunted house in Baker County, Ga., not far from Albany, in which the spirits are said to hold high carnival at night. When midnight approaches there is a great samming of the unseen hands, a patter of ghostly feet and the rooms are illuminated by a bright light so intense in its brilliancy that the eyes of a man who sees it are almost blinded.

The authorities of Dresden, Germany, will not allow a piano to be played in a private house after 10:30 at night, and they punish with a fine any person found throwing an article of refuse, however insignificant, into the street. Flagmen are stationed at the corners of streets intersected by horse-car lines to warn persons of the approach of a car. Drug-stores are closed at sundown, and when a druggist is called up in the night he appears with all the politeness of a dancing-master to thank the customer for his courtesy in patronizing his store.

The Sunday World is the best and most popular newspaper. Only three cents.

"Our Public Men and What They Like to Eat," in the Sunday World. Three cents.

WANTS MORE MUSICALS.

Theatrical Orchestras Too Small to Satisfy the Idea of a Band Leader.

The employment of meagre orchestras in the theatres of this city is still agitating the 2,500 members of the Musical Mutual Protective Union.

The leader of an orchestra in one of the leading theatres said to a World reporter to-day:

"The orchestras of the theatres are not within two-thirds as large as they should be to give good music. We cannot give a good orchestral performance with eight, nine, or ten men. Show me any other orchestra in New York that has one Henry Irving employed lately at the Star Theatre. There is not one. He engaged thirty-three good musicians."

"No orchestra should have less than fifteen members, and in large houses like the Academy of Music there should be not less than forty musicians."

"Take the Standard, for instance, where 'Dorothy' is being performed. There are sixteen pieces in the orchestra, whereas there were thirty-nine when that opera was given in London."

"At the Casino twenty-five musicians compose the orchestra, where twenty-eight ought to be the number. Since Henry Irving left the Star Theatre orchestra has been reduced from thirty-three to twelve."

The speaker then produced the following list of the number of musicians employed in the orchestras of the city theatres:

Niblo's, 11; Star, 12; Union Square, 11; Pastor's, 8; Academy of Music, 11; Fourteenth Street, 10; Irving's, 8; Fifth Avenue, 10; Lyceum, 7; Standard, 8; Casino, 25; Waldorf, 15; Haymarket, 8; Harrigan's, 8; Windsor, 8; People's, 9; Foster's, 8; Third Avenue, 8.

"If you have heard," he continued, "how small and insignificant our orchestras are, Mr. Abbey has been stimulated by Henry Irving's example and now has the largest theatrical band in the city."

We will make the orchestras a feature of the performances."

SHE PICKED IT UP FOR LUCK.

A Handsome Young Woman Finds a Horse shoe in the Park Row Mud.

A big, play-footed horse went thumping along Park row opposite the Post-Office at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. When opposite the ladies' window of the Post-Office he slipped on the muddy pavement and fountered around like a kangaroo with a sprained leg. Then the colored man who was driving him gave up trying to guess the lucky number, and he stepped very gracefully across the gutter, with her eyes fixed on the pavement. Within five feet of the curb she stopped. A young man lowered his umbrella and rushed up to offer his assistance.

"Permit me, madam," he said, "I will assist you across."

"Thanks; no," she returned, not giving the young man a glance.

"If you have lost anything, madam, I shall be happy to it."

She waved him aside with an impatient gesture, and reached her right hand down into the mud. When she straightened up she held in her gloved hand a big iron shoe which had been cast off by the colored man's horse. She wrapped the dirty thing in an immaculate pocket handkerchief and went her way as calmly and serenely as a September afternoon.

"Well, I'm hanged!" said the young man, as he raised his umbrella over his silk tie.

"What a good thing it would be," said the young man, "to see the average of the average photograph of the old ladies in the ballet of the Italian opera. One could then get an exact idea of their age of usefulness."

AT THE POULTRY SHOW.

Sleek Dogs Receiving Homage and Coquetish Cocks Making a Clatter.

The attendance at the poultry show in the Madison Square Garden yesterday was the largest since the opening. The attention of visitors was divided between the brightly-plumaged birds and the big, sleek, intelligent dogs which seemed not at all concerned by the excitement going on about them or by the terrific clatter made by the prize birds in another part of the building.

There have been many sales of birds, while the puppies seen the second choice with buyers. Good prices in many cases have been paid for the best of the breed. Most of the financial results from these sales will exceed the hopes of the committee.

The judges have settled down to work. Yesterday was devoted to the examination of Cocks and the pigeon class, and numerous awards were made. The judging will be continued to-day and every day until the immense stock has been covered.

The dog club held a meeting at 3 o'clock. Dr. E. S. Morgan was elected Chairman and Messrs. Dawson, Rockham and Gildersleeve were appointed a committee to draw names for the exhibition.

To-day, it is expected, will be a gala day. Extra attractions will be offered and the fact that additional entries are to be made will be sufficient to draw an immense throng.

WILL NOT GO TO EUROPE.

An Insane Woman On the Cunard Pier at 1 O'Clock in the Morning.

A woman who was booked on the second cabin passenger list of the steamship Aurania as Mrs. Kate O'Mara